

LABOR MARKET REVIEW

Economic Growth Region 4

Statistical Data for April 2007

June 2007

April 2007 UNEMPLOYMENT RATES (Preliminary Non-Seasonally Adjusted)



INDIANA
WORKFORCE
DEVELOPMENT

AREA	4/07	3/07	4/06
U.S.	4.3%	4.5%	4.5%
INDIANA	4.7%	5.0%	4.9%
EGR 4*	4.8%	4.9%	5.0%
Kokomo MSA**	6.2%	5.9%	6.6%
Lafayette MSA***	4.1%	4.3%	4.3%
Counties			
Benton	4.3%	4.7%	4.7%
Carroll	4.1%	4.5%	5.0%
Cass	5.4%	5.7%	5.4%
Clinton	5.0%	5.3%	5.1%
Fountain	4.4%	4.8%	4.8%
Howard	6.4%	6.0%	6.8%
Miami	6.0%	6.0%	5.8%
Montgomery	4.1%	4.2%	4.1%
Tippecanoe	4.1%	4.2%	4.1%
Tipton	5.1%	5.4%	5.6%
Warren	3.5%	3.9%	3.9%
White	4.6%	5.4%	5.2%
Other Cities			
Attica	3.5%	3.8%	3.8%
Crawfordsville	5.6%	5.7%	5.6%
Delphi	5.2%	5.8%	5.6%
Fowler	4.8%	4.9%	4.6%
Frankfort	6.4%	6.7%	6.4%
Kokomo	7.6%	7.1%	8.2%
Lafayette	4.4%	4.5%	4.6%
Logansport	6.1%	6.6%	6.1%
Monticello	5.2%	6.5%	6.5%
Peru	7.5%	7.0%	7.0%
Tipton	5.9%	5.5%	6.3%
Williamsport	3.2%	3.3%	4.5%

REGIONAL AND STATE UNEMPLOYMENT (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

The Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported regional and state unemployment rates were little changed or slightly higher in April 2007. Overall, 33 states and the District of Columbia recorded over-the-month unemployment rate increases, 13 states registered decreases, and 4 states had no change. Over the year, jobless rates were down in 29 states and the District of Columbia, up in 19 states, and unchanged in 2 states.

Montana again recorded the lowest employment rate at 2.2 percent in April. Michigan reported the highest seasonally adjusted unemployment rate at 7.1 percent.

Unemployment rates were lower in April than a year earlier in 226 of the 369 metropolitan areas, higher in 120 areas, and unchanged in 23 areas. Forty-six metropolitan areas registered jobless rates below 3.0 percent while four areas recorded rates of at least 10.0 percent.

Billings, Montana, had the lowest unemployment rate at 1.7 percent. El Centro, California, a heavily agricultural area, registered the highest jobless rate at 16.3 percent.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE RANKING by COUNTY (High to Low)

Rank	COUNTY	RATE
88	Warren	3.5%
79	Tippecanoe	4.1%
77	Montgomery	4.1%
75	Carroll	4.1%
64	Benton	4.3%
61	Fountain	4.4%
57	White	4.6%
38	Clinton	5.0%
37	Tipton	5.1%
23	Cass	5.4%
12	Miami	6.0%
7	Howard	6.4%

*EGR 4 includes Benton, Carroll, Cass, Clinton, Fountain, Howard, Miami, Montgomery, Tippecanoe, Tipton, Warren and White counties

**Kokomo MSA includes Howard and Tipton counties

***Lafayette MSA includes Benton, Carroll and Tippecanoe counties

*** All unemployment rates used are non-seasonally adjusted

Source: Local Area Unemployment Statistics — Indiana Workforce Development

SURROUNDING STATES

April 2007

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

(Preliminary Not-Seasonably Adjusted)

Illinois -4.7% Kentucky -5.1% Michigan -6.8% Ohio-5.6%

				CHANGE FROM			
	APRIL	MARCH	APRIL	MARCH	2007	APRIL	2006
	2007	2007	2006	TO	2007	TO	2007
				APRIL		APRIL	
Total Nonfarm	95,300	94,000	94,700	1,300	1.40%	600	0.60%
Total Private	67,500	66,500	66,200	1,000	1.50%	1,300	2.00%
Goods Producing	21,900	21,500	20,800	400	1.90%	1,100	5.30%
Service-Providing	73,400	72,500	73,900	900	1.20%	-500	-0.70%
Private Srvc Provide	45,600	45,000	45,400	600	1.30%	200	0.40%
Mining & Construction	3,700	3,600	3,700	100	2.80%	0	0.00%
Manufacturing	18,200	17,900	17,100	300	1.70%	1,100	6.40%
Durable Goods	14,000	13,700	13,000	300	2.20%	1,000	7.70%
Non-Durable Goods	4,200	4,200	4,100	0	0.00%	100	2.40%
Trade, Transportation, Utilities	14,700	14,600	14,400	100	0.70%	300	2.10%
Wholesale Trade	2,000	2,000	2,000	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Retail Trade	10,500	10,400	10,300	100	1.00%	200	1.90%
Trans, Warehouse, Utilities	2,200	2,200	2,100	0	0.00%	100	4.80%
Information	1,000	1,100	1,100	-100	-9.10%	-100	-9.10%
Financial Activities	3,700	3,600	3,700	100	2.80%	0	0.00%
Professional and Business	5,100	5,000	5,100	100	2.00%	0	0.00%
Educational and Health	9,500	9,500	9,600	0	0.00%	-100	-1.00%
Leisure and Hospitality	8,600	8,300	8,500	300	3.60%	100	1.20%
Accommodation and Food	8,200	8,000	7,900	200	2.50%	300	3.80%
Other Services	3,000	2,900	3,000	100	3.40%	0	0.00%
Government	27,800	27,500	28,500	300	1.10%	-700	-2.50%
Federal Government	700	700	700	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
State Government	20,400	20,000	21,000	400	2.00%	-600	-2.90%
Local Government	6,700	6,800	6,800	-100	-1.50%	-100	-1.50%
Local Govt Education	4,200	4,300	4,200	-100	-2.30%	0	0.00%

Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Current Employment Statistics.

TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS BY local OFFICE

Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Workforce Transition Unit

<u>Local Office</u>	<u>April 2007</u>	<u>April 2006</u>	<u>Previous Yr % Change</u>
Initial Claims			
Lafayette	1,171	881	32.9%
Kokomo	718	742	-3.2%
Indiana	27,956	24,454	14.3%
Total Claims			
Lafayette	12,072	9,791	23.3%
Kokomo	10,121	11,289	-10.3%
Indiana	288,300	310,135	13.6%

On the Map is a web-based, interactive mapping application. The objective is to show where people work and where workers live on maps with companion reports on their age, earnings, and industry distributions. The user can select a geographic area and answer questions such as:

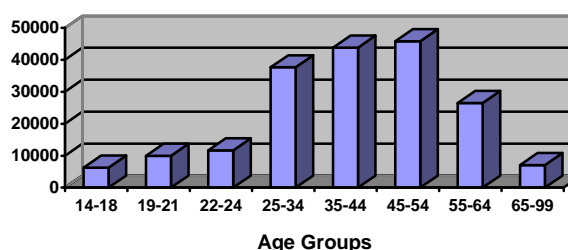
- *Where do workers live that are employed in the area?*
- *What are the workplace destinations for workers living in the selected community or neighborhood?*
- *How do the employment areas compare in terms of worker origin-destination patterns, workers' ages, monthly earnings, and industry?*

On the Map will be available for Indiana geographic areas beginning in August, 2007. For more information, please refer to: <http://lehd.dsd.census.gov/led/datatools/onthemap.html>

LOCAL EMPLOYMENT DYNAMICS

Local Employment Dynamics (LED), a partnership between the Indiana Department of Workforce Development and the U.S. Census Bureau, provides innovative demographic employment information (Quarterly Workforce Indicators) for local decision makers, economic development agencies, education and training institutions, and transportation agencies. The Quarterly Workforce Indicators (QWI) measure the performance of the local economy. Turnover, separations, new hires, and average new hire earnings by county, metropolitan area, and Workforce Investment area are among the data items on the web site. The web address is: <http://lehd.dsd.census.gov/led/>. Select QWI On-line under Quick Links.

Economic Growth Region 4 Total Employment by Age Groups, 1st Quarter 2006



14-18	19-21	22-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-99
6,294	9,988	11,640	37,667	43,854	45,853	26,473	7,068

Source: U.S. Bureau of Census, Local Employer-Household Dynamics (LEHD), Local Employment Dynamics (LED), Industry Focus, 1st quarter 2006.

Quarterly Workforce Indicators (QWI)

QWI Quick Facts	EGR 4 (Q1)	Indiana (Q1)
Total Employment	188,837	2,797,099
Net Job Flows	-3,932	-27,164
Job Creation	7,954	128,108
New Hires	23,771	401,266
Separations	32,308	496,131
Turnover	9.40%	10.20%
Avg Monthly Earnings	\$3,140.00	\$3,218.00
Avg New Hire Earnings	\$1,797.00	\$2,043.00

Source: U.S. Bureau of Census, Local Employer-Household Dynamics (LEHD), Local Employment Dynamics (LED), 1st Quarter 2006



Bureau of Labor Statistics Reports:

Food and beverage costs rose 3.9 percent in May from a year earlier, outpacing the overall inflation rate by more than a full percentage point and is the biggest increase in 3 years, the Labor Department said Friday. Costs for a variety of goods, including meat, milk, soft drinks and fresh fruit all rose from April (Barbara Hagenbaugh, USA Today, page B3, http://www.usatoday.com/money/economy/2007-06-18-food-price-usat_N.htm). Costs for a variety of goods, including meat, milk, soft drinks and fresh fruit all rose from April. Higher prices are being seen not only at grocery stores, but also at restaurants. The cost of dining out has risen 3.3 percent in the last year. A combination of forces, including bad weather, heightened demand for corn to produce ethanol, strong buying from consumers and higher energy costs, is boosting prices.

Real average weekly earnings for most U.S. workers fell 0.2 percent in May, according to seasonally adjusted figures released June 15 by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (Daily Labor Report, page D-15). The decline in inflation-adjusted average weekly earnings of production and nonsupervisory workers in the nonfarm business sector followed a drop of 0.6 percent in April, BLS said. Real weekly earnings have now fallen in four of the first five months of 2007.

Most Americans age 55 and older -- primarily women -- are working longer, according to a report released June 12 by the Employee Benefit Research Institute (Daily Labor Report, page A-4, online at http://www.ebri.org/pdf/EBRI_Notes_06-2007.pdf). The study, appearing in the June issue of EBRI Notes and written by EBRI researcher Craig Copeland, analyzes the most recent Census Bureau data on U.S. labor-force participation. Post-World War II baby boomers are continuing to work because of their growing responsibility for paying retirement expenses. according to the report, "Labor Force Participation: The Population Age 55 and Older." Among the incentives to continue working is the ability to continue accumulating assets and access employment-based health insurance coverage, "instead of having to tap into their savings to pay for their expenses," the report says.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

(CPI-U) *Midwest Region = Midwest Urban Average. Expenditure categories are not available on a regional basis. Midwest Region includes Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

Unadjusted percent change to April 2007 from:

	April 06	March 07
U.S. City Average		
All Items	2.6%	.6%
Food & Beverages	3.7%	.2%
Housing	3.4%	.2%
Apparel	-.4%	.3%
Transportation	.6%	2.7%
Medical Care	4.0%	.3%
Recreation	.3%	.2%
Education & Communication	2.2%	.1%
Other Goods & Services	3.7%	.2%
Midwest Region (All Items)*	2.3%	.5%

				CHANGE FROM			
	APRIL	MARCH	APRIL	MARCH	2007	APRIL	2006
	2007	2007	2006	TO	2007	TO	2007
				APR.		APRIL	
Total Nonfarm	47,200	46,900	47,200	300	0.60%	0	0.00%
Total Private	39,700	39,300	39,500	400	1.00%	200	0.50%
Goods Producing	16,500	16,400	16,600	100	0.60%	-100	-0.60%
Service-Providing	30,700	30,500	30,600	200	0.70%	100	0.30%
Private Srvc Provide	23,200	22,900	22,900	300	1.30%	300	1.30%
Mining & Construction	1,300	1,300	1,400	0	0.00%	-100	-7.10%
Manufacturing	15,200	15,100	15,200	100	0.70%	0	0.00%
Durable Goods	14,200	14,200	14,300	0	0.00%	-100	-0.70%
Transportation Equipment Mfg	11,600	11,600	12,000	0	0.00%	-400	-3.30%
Trade, Transportation, Utilities	7,700	7,600	7,300	100	1.30%	400	5.50%
Wholesale Trade	1,000	1,000	1,000	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Retail Trade	5,900	5,800	5,600	100	1.70%	300	5.40%
Trans,Warehouse, Utilities	800	800	700	0	0.00%	100	14.30%
Information	400	400	400	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Financial Activities	1,400	1,400	1,400	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Professional and Business	3,200	3,200	3,100	0	0.00%	100	3.20%
Educational and Health	3,900	3,900	3,900	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Leisure and Hospitality	4,300	4,100	4,500	200	4.90%	-200	-4.40%
Other Services	2,300	2,300	2,300	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Government	7,500	7,600	7,700	-100	-1.30%	-200	-2.60%
Local Government	6,200	6,300	6,400	-100	-1.60%	-200	-3.10%
Local Govt Education	2,700	2,800	2,800	-100	-3.60%	-100	-3.60%

Source: Indiana Workforce
Development, Research & Analysis,
Current Employment Statistics.

WAGE DEMAND INFORMATION

As of 6/18/2007

The Department of Workforce Development Customer Self Service System (CS3) performs matches between job applicants looking for work and employers looking for new employees. *Wage Demand* provides the number of applicants registered in CS3, as well as the annual and median wages that the applicants define as their wage expectations.

County/Region	Average Annual Wage Demand	Median Annual Wage Demand	Number Of Applicants
Benton	\$22,300	\$20,800	165
Carroll	\$30,627	\$20,800	341
Cass	\$21,092	\$20,800	967
Clinton	\$23,388	\$20,800	605
Fountain	\$23,935	\$22,880	198
Howard	\$22,348	\$18,720	2,834
Miami	\$21,405	\$20,800	1,301
Montgomery	\$26,886	\$20,800	537
Tippecanoe	\$24,910	\$20,800	2,993
Tipton	\$28,066	\$21,840	306
Warren	\$21,909	\$20,800	80
White	\$25,818	\$20,800	553
EGR 4	\$23,604	\$20,800	10,880
Indiana	\$25,590	\$20,800	120,167

REGION 4 APPLICANT POOL

AS OF 6/18/2007

<u>Job Titles</u>	<u>Number of Applicants</u>
Assemblers (Factory Work)	4,748
Production Laborers	3,691
All Other Machine Operators	2,170
Forklift/Industrial Truck Operators	2,045
All Other Hand Workers	1,599
Production Helpers	1,420
Hand Packers & Packagers	1,384
General Office Clerks	1,294
Cashiers, General	1,217
All Other Precision Assemblers	1,152
Receptionists/Information Clerks	1,059
Production Inspectors, Testers, Graders	1,038
Machine Assemblers	1,037
All Other Machine Setters & Set-Up Oper	1,006
1st Line Supv : Production	979
All Other Metal & Plastic Mach Operators	948
Shipping & Receiving Clerks	931
Administrative Assistants	900
File Clerks	867
Electrical & Electronic Equipment Assembly	862

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APPLICANT POOL
 Applicant Pool provides a numerical ranking of the top twenty jobs being sought by job applicants. These data are extracted from the Department of Workforce Development's Customer Self Service System (CS3). Each week the job title list in the applicant pool is determined by examining the pool of applicants who are registered in CS3. The twenty job titles that are specified most often by job applicants in the CS3 system are listed. The numbers of applicants requesting those jobs are also displayed.